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1. PUERTO RICO --

LATE AUG 16, CUBAN PERMREP ALARCON INFORMED COMMITTEE OF 24  
VICE CHAIRMAN VRAALSEN THAT HAVANA WAS INSISTING ON DRAFT RESOLU-  
TION ON PUERTO RICO. IT WAS VRAALSEN'S OPINION THAT CERTAIN PARTS

OF CUBAN DRAFT -- INTRODUCED IN COMMITTEE AUG 17 BY CUBAN PERMREP -- MIGHT BE REMOVABLE AND THAT INSERTION OF REFERENCE TO MAY 16 US LETTER COULD BE NEGOTIABLE. HE SURMISED THAT CRITICISM IN COMMITTEE AUG 16 OF US POLICY TOWARD PUERTO RICO BY PETITIONERS FROM ALL THREE OF PUERTO RICO'S POLITICAL GROUPINGS PLUS HAVANA'S ESTIMATE OF A MORE FAVORABLE VOTE THIS YEAR PROBABLY TIPPED SCLAES IN HAVANA'S DECISION.

ACCORDING TO VRAALSEN AND AUSTRALIANS, THERE EXISTS MUCH SENTIMENT AMONG COMMITTEE MEMBERS, INCLUDING USSR AND YUGOSLAVIA, TO AVOID VOTING SITUATION. WHEN VRAALSEN, AT AMB LEONARD'S REQUEST, ASKED CUBAN PERMREP ALARCON'S REACTION TO PROPOSED DRAFT CONSENSUS, ALARCON REJECTED IT BUT LEFT DOOR SLIGHTLY OPEN FOR POSSIBLE STATEMENT LATER. HE HAD EXPLAINED CUBA FELT OBLIGATION TO TABLE RESOLUTION WANTED BY CERTAIN PUERTO RICAN ELEMENTS, AND ALSO REFERRED TO PUERTO RICAN PRESS ALLEGATIONS THAT CUBA WAS GOING SOFT ON PUERTO RICO TO PROMOTE BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH THE US. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2618, 2633)

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## 2. COMMITTEE OF 24 -- PUERTO RICO

CUBAN PERMREP ALARCON QUESADA INTRODUCED IN THE COMMITTEE AUG 17 A DRAFT RESOLUTION (L.1201) CALLING ON THE US TO TAKE "IMMEDIATE STEPS" TO ENABLE THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO TO EXERCISE THEIR CONFIDENTIAL

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RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND "DEMANDING" THE "IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE" OF "FIVE NATIONALIST PATRIOTS HELD IN US PRISONS." THE RESOLUTION WOULD ALSO URGE USG TO "REFRAIN FROM TAKING ANY MEASURE THAT COULD ABRIDGE, WEAKEN OR STEER THE FREE DECISIONS OF THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE CONCERNING THEIR POLITICAL STATUS, INCLUDING THE EXPLOITATION OF THE MINERAL AND ENERGY RESOURCES OF PUERTO RICO." AT CHAIRMAN SALIM'S (TANZANIA) SUGGESTION, THE COMMITTEE DEFERRED CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT UNTIL SEPT 1, AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE LAGOS ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE, AND WILL TAKE ACTION ON THE DRAFT SEPT 2.

ALARCON REFERRED TO THE VIEWS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF DIFFERENT SECTORS OF THE PUERTO RICAN POPULATION, STATED THOSE SECTORS FAVORING INDEPENDENCE WERE GROWING, AND SAID THE COMMITTEE SHOULD TAKE A DECISION IN KEEPING WITH ITS PREVIOUS DECISIONS AND THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE. INTRODUCING THE CUBAN DRAFT RESOLUTION, HE SAID HE BELIEVED IT ACCURATELY REFLECTED THE VIEWS OF THOSE WHO HAD SPOKEN IN THE COMMITTEE. REVIEWING SOME OF THE STATEMENTS MADE, HE SAID MIAMI MAYOR FERRE WAS MISTAKEN IN THAT THERE WERE NO SOVIET "SUBSIDIES" IN CUBA. ALTHOUGH ADMITTING THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS SPECIAL PRICES FOR CUBA WHICH ARE ADVANTAGEOUS TO HIS COUNTRY, ALARCON CLAIMED THAT THE CUBAN-SOVIET TRADE TERMS ARE

REASONABLE AND JUSTIFIED IN VIEW OF THE "INTERNATIONALIST POLICY OF SOLIDARITY OF THE SOVIET UNION." CUBA, HE CONCLUDED, SUPPORTED THE INDEPENDENCE OF PUERTO RICO IN ACCORDANCE WITH CUBAN FOREIGN POLICY.

FOLLOWING DECISION TO DEFER CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT, WU MIAO-FA (CHINA) SAID HE HAD HOPED FOR A DECISION SUPPORTING PUERTO RICO'S INDEPENDENCE WITHOUT DELAY.

AT THE OUTSET, STATEMENTS WERE MADE ALSO BY RUBEN BERRIOS MARTINEZ, PRESIDENT OF THE PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE PARTY, AND JUAN MARI BRAS, SYG OF THE PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST PARTY. BOTH DENOUNCED US COLONIALISM, REFERRED TO OIL DEPOSITS IN WATERS SURROUNDING PUERTO RICO AS ONE OF REASONS US OPPOSED DECOLONIZATION, AND CALLED FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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THE INDEPENDENCE OF PUERTO RICO. ONLY OTHER SPEAKER, HOUNGAVOU (BENIN) ALSO CALLED FOR TOTAL FREEDOM FOR PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE AND FOUND THE MAY 16 USG LETTER "TOTALLY INADMISSIBLE."

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3. ISRAELI PARTICIPATION IN LAGOS CONFERENCE --

ISRAELI AMB HERZOG TOLD AMB LEONARD THAT HIS GOVERNMENT DECIDED ON AUG. 13 NOT TO BE REPRESENTED AT LAGOS ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE AND HAD SO INFORMED THE SYG BY NOTE. PRINCIPAL RATIONALE GIVEN WAS CONFERENCE'S FAILURE TO INVITE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS. LEONARD STRESSED IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHES TO ISRAELI REPRESENTATION, BUT HERZOG CLEARLY DOES NOT WANT TO RECOMMEND RECONSIDERATION. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2621)

4. LAGOS CONFERENCE DRAFT DECLARATION --

WESTERN FIVE AGAIN DISCUSSED LAGOS ANTI-APARTHEID  
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CONFERENCE DRAFT DECLARATION AND AGREED AD REFERENDUM THAT A WESTERN FIVE APPROACH SHOULD BE MADE TO NIGERIAN UN PERM REP HARRIMAN IN LAGOS TO PROPOSE RECOMMENDED CHANGES. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2630, 2631)

5. COMMITTEE ON TAKING OF HOSTAGES --

COMMITTEE CONTINUED SUBSTANTIVE DEBATE AUG. 16 AND CONCLUDED DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANTIVE PROPOSALS AUG. 17. SEVERAL WEO'S, NICARAGUA, JAPAN, MEXICO, CHILE, FRG AND US CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC ARTICLES OF FRG DRAFT. DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, SYRIA AND EGYPT QUESTIONED DISCUSSION OF ARTICLES OF FRG DRAFT WHILE SCOPE OF CONVENTION REMAINED UNRESOLVED. UK RESPONDED TO AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY ALGERIA AND LIBYA. USSR MADE PARTICULARLY UNHELPFUL SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE'S WORK, CONCLUDING BY ADVOCATING CLOSE CONNECTION BETWEEN WORK ON TAKING OF HOSTAGES AND WORK ON PROBLEM OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM IN GENERAL. CANADA SUMMARIZED COMMITTEE'S WORK AS HELPFUL IN A NUMBER OF TECHNICAL AREAS ALTHOUGH INCONCLUSIVE ON BASIC ISSUE OF SCOPE.

LATER, US JOINED FRG, MEXICO, UK, SWEDEN, TANZANIA AND ALGERIA IN CONSULTATIONS ON NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS (NLM'S) AND CONCLUSION OF COMMITTEE'S WORK. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION FRG AGREED WE SHOULD NOT TRY TO REACH AGREEMENT ON NLM'S THIS SESSION. SUBSEQUENTLY, US STRESSED TO SECRETARIAT, AND UK STRESSED TO RAPPORTEUR (BYELORUSSIA), THAT THE REPORT MUST ACCURATELY AND

COMPLETELY REFLECT COMMITTEE'S WORK. (CONFIDENTIAL --  
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6. UN DESERTIFICATION CONFERENCE --

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS GROUP ENDORSED MCMICHAEL  
(AUSTRALIA) FOR RAPPORTEUR GENERAL OF UN DESERTIFICATION  
CONFERENCE. FOR THE FIVE WEO SEATS TO BE FILLED AT  
UPCOMING ELECTION, THERE NOW SEEM TO BE SIX CANDIDATES,  
I.E., US, FRG, NETHERLANDS, AUSTRALIA, ITALY, AND NORDIC  
COUNTRY NOT YET NAMED. (USUN 2627)

7. DEMONSTRATION AT SOVIET UN MISSION --

AUG. 16 GROUP OF 12 MEN AND WOMEN, REPRESENTING  
GREATER NEW YORK CONFERENCE OF SOVIET JEWRY LED BY BRONX  
BOROUGH PRESIDENT ROBERT ABRAMS, ACCOMPANIED NATALIA  
SHCHARANSKY, WIFE OF SOVIET DISSIDENT ANATOLIY SHCHARANSKY,  
TO SOVIET MISSION IN ATTEMPT TO DELIVER LETTER, WHICH SOVIETS  
WOULD NOT ACCEPT, REQUESTING HIS RELEASE FROM SOVIET PRISON.  
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